



Book Chat

Lake Bluff Public Library

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library

Catherine Thompson - Library Director

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www.lakeblufflibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
(September - May)

Library Closures

Easter

Sunday, March 23, 2008

All Summer Sundays

Sunday, May 25, 2008 -

Sunday, September 7, 2008

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, 2008

Library Board of Trustees

Jill Rosa, *President*
Stanley Hickory, *Vice President*
Ruth Schnell, *Secretary*
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Library Board Meetings

March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
Library Board meetings are at
7:00 pm in the Henry C. Spruth
Meeting Room.
Meetings are open to the public.

The Friends of the Library

Board of Directors

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A Letter from the Library Director

Greetings to all Lake Bluff Residents and the Library Community:

**Highlights: Survey Results, Long Range Planning,
Online 24/7 Reference Resources, News**

We wanted to give some top line results from the survey we sent you in September. Here are four key findings with implications. Of those who answered:

- 1) Virtually everyone used the library, with 8-in-10 using it at least once a month.
- 2) Everyone (97%) agreed that the staff was helpful and courteous.
- 3) The hours of service met the needs of 79%.
- 4) There is indication that the facility exterior is positively perceived by 8-in-10, but significantly fewer (6-in-10 or less) feel positively about the interior elements--lighting, seating, layout and acoustics.

These findings confirm that our staff is cherished, and our hours meet the needs of most. We are used for obtaining materials, Internet access, programs and more. Indications for the 35-year old facility, created before automation, suggest that further study is warranted. We wish to see how the interior might be made more functional for today's library users.

The library will be working on a five-year plan, using this study and other information. We welcome your comments.

Think of our web site www.lakeblufflibrary.org as the "go to" place when the library is closed or you're away. Whether you have research or reference needs, or wish to search for an item or place a reserve or renewal, go online. New on our website's home page are robust reference resources. The **AskAway** link <http://www.questionpoint.org/crs/servlet/org.oclc.home.TFSRedirect?virtcategory=12835> will put you in touch with a reference librarian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Click on the **Gale Virtual Reference Library** link and be connected to quality reference materials for detailed searching. You may specify area of interest, age level of searcher to personalize any search.

One personnel change to report is that our personable desk maven, Goddard Graves, moved on to new horizons in January after almost a decade. He will be missed, and we wish him all the best.

The library staff is here to help you to find what you seek and to enjoy your library visits. Please let us know how we may assist you further.

Sincerely,
Cath Thompson, *Library Director*



***Thank you to the Lake Bluff Garden Club
for supplying a beautiful plant each month
to adorn our circulation desk.***

Conversations With:

Congressman Mark Kirk

Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm

Congressman Mark Kirk represents Lake Bluff and the communities of the 10th Congressional District of Illinois. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and serves on two of its subcommittees: State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, and Financial Services. He also is co-chairman of the Tuesday Group, a caucus of mainstream Republican members of Congress. In that capacity, he works to advance a suburban agenda that is pro-personal responsibility, pro-environment, and pro-science. Congressman Kirk will discuss legislative activities in Washington as well as projects to benefit 10th District families. A question and answer period will follow.

Illinois' State Representative of the 58th District, Karen May

Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm

Serving since 2001, Karen May currently works on several committees including the Committee of the Whole; Environmental Health (Chairperson); Mass Transit; Environment & Energy; Telecommunications; Health Care Availability Access (Vice-Chairperson). Following her remarks, Ms May will answer questions and respond to comments.

Illinois' State Senator, Susan Garrett

Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm

Susan Garrett is currently chair of the Senate Public Health Committee and vice-chair of the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Human Services, Education, and Appropriations I committees. Join Ms Garrett for an evening of commentary, questions, and answers.

National Library Week April 13-19

National Library Week is sponsored every year by the American Library Association to celebrate all types of libraries and to encourage library use and support. In celebration, our Library is sponsoring a "Food for Fines" campaign. Return over due materials during this week with suggested foods, and your fines will be excused.

Food for Fines!

Our library will team with Northern Illinois Food Bank in collecting all kinds of boxed cereals and high protein foods such as jars of peanut butter and canned tuna, beans, chicken, and other meats. Donations without fines will also be accepted.



Support The Friends of the Library!

friends@lakeblufflibrary.org

The Friends meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am @ the Library. Newcomers are welcome!

Grocery shopping? Raise funds for the Friends!!!

1. Pick up Jewel Shop and Share coupons @ the Library to use on April 14, 15, and 16.
2. Sign up for a Dominick's savings card at www.escip.com. A percentage of the sales will go to the Friends.

Recycle printer cartridges, laptops, ipods, and old cell phones @ the Library and the Friends will earn money! A collection box is located near the circulation desk. Thank you!

Magazines

Our library subscribes to over 100 magazines. The current issue of each title remains in the library, but past month's can be checked out and read at home. Enjoy anything from: *Bicycling* to *Harvard Business Review* to *Mad Magazine* to *Traditional Home*!

View Library Programs on Channel 19

Teaming with The Vliet Center, Channel 19 is taping adult programs at Lake Bluff Public Library to be aired on the local cable channel. See the French Consul General Monsieur Jean-Baptiste de Boissiere and the WWII Air Force Veteran, Bill Wagner, in February. Showtimes will be announced on the schedule available at their website:

http://www.cityoflakeforest.com/cs/tv/cs_tv2d.htm

Online, real time librarians!

Ask?Away

January 15-May 15

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Illinois librarians are working together to assist patrons who need quick information at any time - day or night! Lake Bluff Public Library begins a five month trial with **Ask?Away** starting in January.

Go to www.lakeblufflibrary.org and click on the **Ask?Away** logo.

New Items at the Library

New CDs

After the Rain - Irma Thomas (Jazz)
Crazy Ex-Girlfriend - Miranda Lambert (Country)
Taneyev: Chamber Music - Sergey Taneyev (Classical)
Just Like You - Keyshia Cole (R&B)
Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not
 Arctic Monkeys (Rock)

New Foreign Films on DVD

Kaspar Hauser- German
Kissed by Winter- Swedish
Molire- French
Paprika- Japanese
Perhaps Love- Cantonese



Now Hear This!!!

New Audiobooks!

Have you Heard a good book lately?

American Creation by Joseph Ellis, Read by John Mayer
The Choice by Nicholas Sparks, Read by Holter Graham
Double Cross by James Patterson,
 Read by Peter Fernandez and Michael Stuhlbarg
The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin,
 Read by Daniel Passer
T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton, Read by Judy Kaye
What on Earth Have I Done? by Robert Fulghum

Popular New Fiction Releases

March

3/01	<i>Deep Dish</i>	Mary Kay Andrews
3/04	<i>A Prisoner of Birth</i>	Jeffrey Archer
3/04	<i>Change of Heart</i>	Jodi Picoult
3/04	<i>Dead Time</i>	Stephen White
3/18	<i>Zapped</i>	Carol Higgins Clark
3/18	<i>Where Are You Now?</i>	Mary Higgins Clark
3/18	<i>Killer Heat</i>	Linda Fairstein
3/18	<i>Black Widow</i>	Randy Wayne White
3/25	<i>Simply Perfect</i>	Mary Balogh
3/25	<i>Buckingham Palace Gardens</i>	Anne Perry

April

4/01	<i>Nightshade</i>	Susan Wittig Albert
4/01	<i>Shadow of Power</i>	Steve Martini
4/01	<i>Miss Julia Paints the Town</i>	Ann B. Ross
4/08	<i>The Winding Way Quilt</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini
4/08	<i>Certain Girls</i>	Jennifer Weiner
4/15	<i>Practically Perfect</i>	Katie Fforde
4/15	<i>Killing Rommel</i>	Steven Pressfield
4/15	<i>The Miracle at Speedy Motors</i>	Alexander McCall Smith
4/22	<i>Quicksand</i>	Iris Johansen
4/28	<i>Escape</i>	Robert Tanenbaum

Book Clubs at the Library

Take Me Away

An Afternoon Book Club for Women

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

The afternoon book club will continue in March. Please join us as we discuss books that are written by women about women and cover issues women face throughout their lives. The discussions will be facilitated by Carol Carter.

All books are available for check-out in print and in audio at the circulation desk.

Tuesday, March 18th

Other People's Children
 by Joanne Trollope (292 pages)

Tuesday, April 15th

Without a Map: A Memoir
 by Meredith Hall (221 pages)

Tuesday, May 20th

Year of Wonder
 by Geraldine Brooks (304 pages)



The Library's Evening Book Club

7:00 pm

Second Thursday of the Month

Join our library book club this winter, which will meet every second Thursday of the month! The meeting dates and titles we will be reading are as follows:

March 13th: *My Year of Meats*, by Ruth Ozeki

April 10th: *Mistress of the Art of Death*,
 by Arianna Franklin

May 8th: *Year of Fog*, by Michelle Richmond

June 12th: *Tallgrass*, by Sandra Dallas

July 10th: *Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan

August 14th: *The Madonnas of Leningrad*,
 by Debra Dean

September 11th: *A Long Way Gone*, by Ishmael Beah

October 9th: **Book Talk on Best of 2007,
 Selection of Books for Next Year!**

Contact Eric Bailey at 847-234-2540 with questions about the club or suggestions on future reads.

Adult Programs @ Lake Bluff Public Library

Adult programs are usually one hour in length with time for questions.
Bring a friend and enjoy yourself! The library staff looks forward to seeing you.

Please register by calling 847-234-2540.

Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy Onassis

Sunday, March 2 at 1:30 pm

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all."

-- Jacqueline Kennedy

Celebrate Women's History Month by joining Wendy Maier, Associate Professor of History at Oakton Community College, as she shares stories and images of the life of one of America's youngest and most popular first ladies, Jackie O.

Slide Tour of Greece

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Lake Bluff residents, Ron and Nan Wick, return to the library from a recent visit to the country of Greece. They will present a travelog and share highlights from their trip. Enjoy Greece from the comfort of the Library.

The Many Faces of Paris

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Dr. Cynthia Hahn, Professor of French and Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Lake Forest College will speak on the dynamic city of light and love. Paris has been personified, described, critiqued, filmed and poeticized by countless authors and filmmakers. We will look at aspects of this city which make it one of the most visited in the world, and discuss some of the social and political problems it currently faces.

Guide to Injury-free Running

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm

As summer jogging picks up, Diana Sahakian, MS, MPT, of *Stay Fit Physical Therapy*, presents a program on preventing running-related injuries including common injuries, stretching and flexibility exercises, and core strengthening tips. She shares guidelines for improving running form and for selecting shoes.



Wool Gatherers

Monday, March 17 at 7:00 pm

Monday, April 21 at 7:00 pm

Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm

Drop in! Novice or pro! All are welcome to bring their handwork and to share questions and concerns about current projects. The group is casual and fun! Join us for an hour or two of knitting, needlepoint, and cross stitch.

Money Smart Week, April 20-26, 2008

The Money Smart Advisory Council promotes personal financial literacy through free programs offered in the Greater Chicagoland area. Lake Bluff Public Library is cooperating with the Council by offering three programs open to anyone interested in learning to better manage their personal finances.



Investing Basics:

20 Tips for Becoming a Smart Investor

Tuesday, April 22 at Noon

John Ressler, Jr. is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner with an independent practice in Waukegan. He is an instructor for Kaplan Financial and a member of the Financial Planning Association. Presently, he sits on the board of directors for the Lake County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Waukegan. Mr. Ressler will present a program developed by the Financial Planning Association on smart investing.

Ways to Save

Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm

Ever wonder where the money goes? Budgeting and saving tips and recommendations for how much to spend on different kinds of expenses will be provided. Learn how to track expenses on computer software to streamline the budgeting process. Helene Turner was an internal auditor at Discover Card and a computer teacher in the U.S. international schools. Ms Turner has a Masters in English Literature from Columbia University and a Masters in Education from Harvard University.

Reverse Mortgage: What is it?

Friday, April 25 at 1:00 pm

Learn the what, how, when, and where about reverse mortgages in Anne Rigwood's presentation. Who is eligible? Do you still own your home? How will it affect your taxes and social security benefits? Ms Rigwood is a Reverse Mortgage Consultant with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. She will be at the library to answer all of your questions.

Statement of programming content at the library:

Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

Spring Programs for Children

Donna Williams
Children's Librarian

March 2008 - May 2008
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The 22nd Annual Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest & The 18th Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Pick up your entry form for both contests beginning Saturday, March 1 in the Children's Department.

The Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest is open to children in grades 1 through 8. First Place winners at each grade level will receive a \$50.00 savings bond.

The Bookmark Design Contest is open to children in grades K through 8. First Place winners will receive 100 professionally printed copies of their winning entry. All winning bookmarks will be available for patrons at the library.

- *All entries for both contests are due no later than **Wednesday, March 19th by 6:00 pm.**
- *Winners will be announced Monday, April 14th at 10:00 am.
- *An award presentation ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm at Blair Park Rec Center.
- *Visit the Children's Department for complete details!

Celebrate Your Library

April 13th through April 19th.

Celebrate the many wonders of your library this week. We offer you everything from magazines to books, puzzles, music, and videos. Computers are available for recreational and educational uses. Visit the Children's Department and see what's new.

Bookmark Design Contest Display

All of the 18th Annual Bookmark Design Contest entries will be on display in the Children's Department. Come see all the imaginative designs.

Drop-in Craft

Drop in Sunday, April 13 through Saturday, April 19 and make a delightful craft to take home, while supplies last.

Hawaiian Dancing with Holly Nagel

Tuesday, April 15, at 4:00 pm

Children 7 years and older can join us for an interactive dance program lead by Holly that involves the sites, sounds, and rhythms of Hawaii. Registration is required. Call the children's department at 847-234-2540.

Mad Hatters Return

Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 am



Join us for another rousing performance by these vivacious women. This 30 minute program is full of fast-paced stories, rhymes and songs with audience participation. For preschoolers with their caregivers and older children.

Movies for Children at the Library

Wednesday, March 26th at 2:00 pm

Friday, April 27th at 2:00 pm

Join us for a movie and popcorn. Movie titles will be announced. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

After School Storytime

Wednesday, April 2nd - 4:00pm

Wednesday, May 7th - 4:00pm

Children in kindergarten through second grade can join Central School Librarian, Linda Diekman, for two special storytimes this spring. Relax with stories and a snack with Ms Diekman.



Preschool Storytime

6 Consecutive Tuesdays starting March 4, 2008.

2 year olds 11:15 -- 11:35

For 1 child with 1 adult

3-5 year olds 10:30 -- 11:00

For children w/out adult

Registration is required and begins

Saturday, March 1, 2008.



Parent/Child Reading Club

Boys and girls in grades 4 and 5 can bring a parent to our monthly book discussion group. Each month we will discuss a different book. Copies of the books are available at the children's desk.

Monday, March 17th at 7:00pm

Toes by Seidler & Beddows

Monday, February 25th at 7:00pm

Chocolate Touch by Catling & Apple

Winter Reading Club

Saturday, May 3rd is the last day to report on any books. No badges will be awarded after this date.

Our Summer Reading Club will begin Saturday, June 21st

WHERE THE WILD THINGS READ!

Lake Bluff Public Library's Most Popular Reads!

(From October 1st to December 31st 2007)

Adult Fiction

1. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini **(New Fiction)**
2. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen (Fiction)
3. *The Choice* by Nicholas Sparks **(New Fiction)**
4. *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham **(New Fiction)**
5. *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult (Fiction)
6. *Play Dirty* by Sandra Brown **(New Fiction)**
7. *Run* by Ann Patchett **(New Fiction)**
8. *The Quickie* by James Patterson **(New Fiction)**
9. *Dark of the Moon* by John Sandford **(New Fiction)**
10. *World Without End* by Ken Follett **(New Fiction)**

Adult Non-Fiction

1. *I Am America!* by Stephen Colbert (818.6 Col)
2. *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert (910.4 G)
3. *Hitler's Social Revolution* by David Schoenbaum (943.086 S)
4. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman (940.5318 Ack)
5. *What is the What* by Dave Eggers (962.404 Egg)
6. *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman (303.48 F)
7. *How Starbucks Saved My Life* by Michael Gills (647.95 Gil)
8. *Sin in the Second City* by Karen Abbott (306.74 Abb)
9. *Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nemat (B Nem)
10. *Mother Teresa* by Mother Teresa (271.97 T)

Tonight is a Good Night for a Movie!

Movies starting at 6:45 pm in the Spruth Room

Monday, March 3rd

No Reservations (R) - 105 minutes

A chef's perfectly ordered life is turned upside-down when she must care for her niece after her sister is killed and... a new love interest!



Monday, April 7th

Into the Wild (R) - 140 minutes

Based on a true story, this film traces Christopher McCandless life as he heads into the Alaskan wilderness.

***Do the workings of the library
sometimes seem mysterious?***

*Let us make the most out of
your library experience.*

Not sure where your library card has gone? Even the best loved of library cards occasionally goes missing. Fortunately, a replacement card can be purchased for \$2.00. In addition, cards that have been broken or become unusable through normal everyday usage are replaced for free! Whether lost or broken, simply inform the helpful staff at the library's front desk of your problem, and they will be able to set you up with a new library card. Remember... a library card (or the barcode number) are required to check out any and all materials from the library!

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